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1. Po Nan Yai () Village, Jungch'eng (122-32, 37-22) Hsien is about 45 kilometers north of Shihtao (122-35, 36-53) and 100 kilometers east of Chefoo. The village has no electricity; however, the lighthouse on the point of the peninsula is run by electricity. There are about 600 people in the village, mostly fishermen, who go to Dairen once a year to obtain supplies. There is a horse cart bus which runs along a 12-foot wide road to the main highway 20 kilometers west. The main highway is about 24 feet wide and made of dirt. The village is about 15 miles from the coast and uses the bay of Lung Tz'u Tao () on the southern coast of the peninsula. The low tide at the bay is 20 feet and the high tide is 30 feet. Motor boats of 50 to 60 tons can tie up at the dock.
2. The village has a security force of 15 men armed with five or six Japanese rifles and a number of hand grenades. The police station has seven men armed with rifles, pistols, and grenades. The police are in touch with Shihtao, Weihaiwei, and the lighthouse by telephone. Two or three times a month two 50-ton motor boats from the Chinese Communist coast guard land at Lung Tz'u Tao. The crew is armed with rifles and pistols. The boats run from Shihtao to Chefoo. The speed of the boats is 11 knots. Cargo and passenger boats need a "lu p'u tzu" () for the clearance of cargo and passengers. The lu p'u tzu is given to police or customs officials, who return it when the ship leaves.
3. Since the Chinese Communists entered Po Nan Yai, all illiterates between 18 and 40 years of age have been forced to go to school. The people must pay 15 kilos of corn to attend the school, which is 400 yards east of the village and has about 500 students. All religious activity in the village has been stopped. The Communists set up a cooperative to which all the people pay a sum of money; they receive a book which permits them to buy food at set prices. These prices are generally ten percent cheaper than the market prices. Sometimes the market price is cheaper. So the farmers sell their produce where they can obtain the best prices. Scarce and high-priced commodities are fertilizer, JMP 168,000 per bag; kerosene, JMP 230,000 per five-gallon can; cotton cloth, JMP 5,200 per yard; cotton thread, JMP 200,000 per roll; timber; and medicine.

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head for local travel and by the district head for district travel. In August 1951 these permits were no longer required. Travel is not limited either in time or distance. In travel by sea the village head gives the traveler a letter to the district chief, who issues the permit. The permit is presented to the police at the destination and returned to the traveler when he leaves.

5. Each house owner registers the number of persons in his home with the village head. The local security forces make spot checks on the validity of these claims. Guests in a household must also register with the local authorities. About one third of the people in Po Nan Yai were well-to-do farmers who were ~~disarmed~~ when the Communists entered. The other two thirds approve of the government. There is only one newspaper, which is for government employees only.

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6. The average expenditure for a boat owner each month is about JMP 200,000 and JMP 500,000. In 1947 15 boys from the village were taken since then. Mail is collected and distributed and 100 stamps to Chefoo cost JMP 800 and it took five Chefoo.

7. In May 1951 a strange boat was seen approaching the village from the north side of the peninsula by the security forces. The forces blew whistles and sent a man to the nearest police station. They fired on the boat, which passed by unharmed. The police telephoned to the lighthouse off Lung Tz'u Tao.

8. Chinese Communist and Soviet flags were issued to the fishing boats in November 1949 and the boatmen were told to fly the Soviet flag above the Chinese flag if they met a Soviet ship. In November 1950 a white triangular flag was issued to be used by ships going into port. In April 1951 a white triangular flag with Chinese characters on it was issued as identification if challenged by navy or coast guard. A white and blue triangular flag for the same purpose was issued to be flown from the main mast and the other on a nearby pole.

9. The district head is CHANG (張), aged 40, and the village head is LI Tso-hsueh (李作學), aged 28. Village officials are the road commissioner LI Pao-min (李保敏), aged 41, food commissioner, LI Tso-ying (李作英), and commander of the security forces, LI Tso-shih (李作師), aged 27. The food commissioner is from the wealthy class and is not permitted to join the party; however, he is elected by the people as are the village head and the commander of the security forces. All other positions are appointive. In May 1951 the authorities arrested and executed seven local men who had been active in the Nationalist government.

10. Some beaches in the area are as follows:

- a. The north beach is about 500 feet wide at high tide and 650 feet wide at low tide. A 50-ton motor boat can go within 150 feet of the shore at low tide, while a fishing boat can go up to the beach. The beach is three kilometers long and has very few houses. The nearest road is two kilometers away. The surrounding country is planted with peanuts and potatoes and is fairly level. There are six houses of fishermen in the fields. The village of Ch'eng Hou (成後) is one and a half kilometers south, and Jungch'eng is one-half a kilometer south of Ch'eng Hou. Ch'eng Hou has 300 houses; Jungch'eng has 4,000 people. Jungch'eng was formerly the county seat, which was moved to Yai T'ou (崖頭), 30 kilometers southwest, by the Communists. A patrol boat passes by about four kilometers off the coast each five days.

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b. The south beach is about 100 feet wide at high tide and 150 feet at low tide. Motor boats can go within 70 feet of the shore. It is about two kilometers from the beach to the road. There are no houses on the beach; however, there is a village of 50 houses three kilometers east. At the west end of the beach there is a hill called Ma Shan (馬山). The area is used for farming.

11. In July 1951 a fishing boat was stopped by a Soviet craft of about 150 tons armed with one cannon forward and two aft. The fishermen ran up his Soviet

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